



SUNDAY+

# WHO ARE YOU?

JOHN 1:19 - 34

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE** Mother's Day @ Mosaic - May 14th | Free Family Portraits

**SAVE THE DATE** Block Party - May 28th | Stick around after 2nd service for free food and tons of fun!

**NEW GROUPS JUST KICKED OFF** We can help you find a group, just reach out!

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's happening in your life? (Learn about, encourage and pray for one another)

Anybody feel comfortable sharing their testimony this hasn't already in this group?

What was something NEW you learned from the Book of John last week?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

- READ John 1:19-34

**1. John the Baptizer is sent to prepare the way for the Lord by getting the people ready. How is John preparing the people? Who is someone you would be excited to meet and how would you get ready?** (Generally, the more important the visitor, the more time and effort we take on getting ready for the visit. By answering the way that he did, John wants us to realize that THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON of all was coming - Jesus, the Son of God.)

**2. What did you learn about John through these verses or through the sermon? Why did Jewish leadership have a concern with what John was saying and doing?** (John the Baptizer, in his day, was a huge deal. He had scores of disciples and thousands hung on his words. Even though people thought he was a big deal, John was intent to show just how special Jesus is.)

**3. John states "I baptize with water, but He (Jesus) will baptize with the Holy Spirit." What is baptism? What is similar and different between being baptized with water and being baptized with the Holy Spirit?** (Both baptisms are performed by others. Both baptisms are, in a sense, cleansing and demonstrate dying to self and being raised to new life in Christ. The primary difference is that the baptism by water is external and the baptism by the Holy Spirit is internal. Leaders - a good follow up would be to ask who has been baptized and encourage any believers in the group to take that step of faith.)

**4. Looking at verse 29, what is the significance of what John says, and how do these words still impact you today?** (John didn't say, help the world, encourage people or be a life coach, but to "take away the sins of the world." Sin is the thing that keeps us away from God. Sin mars and destroys. Sin is at the heart of all self-centeredness. Jesus didn't primarily come to teach or do miracles or even start a new religion. As Matthew tells us in his Gospel, Jesus came to save His people from their sin.)

**5. Knowing that Jesus came to take away sin, what led you to first realize that you were a sinner? What were your thoughts and feelings when you first realized you were forgiven?**

**6. In verse 31, John the Baptizer tells us his purpose - John has come so that Jesus might be revealed to Israel. When we say we want someone to be revealed, what do we mean? In keeping with this, what are some of the descriptions of Jesus that John wants us to know?** (When someone is revealed, that means that we know exactly who they are. John wants us, as much as possible, to know who Jesus is. That's why John uses terms like the Lamb of God, or Son of God, or the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit, or the One who the Spirit descended and remained upon. These are all clues for us so that we will understand Jesus' identity as the One who has come from God to save us from our sins.)

## **ACTION STEP**

Have you taken the next step and got baptized? If not, let's make it happen! Contact one of the elders or the church office to schedule!

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **WHO ARE YOU?**

April 23rd, 2023 -

#### **JOHN 1:19-34**

**"Sunday Plus" One Pager:** *mosaicil.com/groups*

Matthew 11:11-19

Malachi 4:5-6

**If you refuse to conform to the patterns and customs of this world, people will ask: "WHO ARE YOU?"**

#### **Ways we can live our lives to advance the Gospel:**

1) **POWER**

2) **MONEY**

3) Not **COMPLAINING & ARGUING**

Philippians 2:14-16

4) **ANXIETY-Free**

Philippians 4:6-7

#### **HOW DO I DEFINE MYSELF?**

By what I **DO**?

Who I **AM** in Christ Jesus?

#### **AM I POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS?**

Romans 6:3-4

Matthew 3:16-17

**The Gospel is the only time where the VERDICT comes before the PERFORMANCE!**